
Appendix A

Analysis of Scoping Comments

Wildfire Tree Planting Project

Three letters specific to the project were received during the scoping period of December 17, 2015 to January 29, 2016. The letters were analyzed and an analysis code assigned to the comments (see Table 1).

Comment Analysis Codes

- 1: Outside the scope of the proposed action.
- 2: Already decided by law, regulation, Forest Plan, or other higher level of decision.
- 3: Irrelevant to the decision to be made.
- 4: Conjectural and not supported by scientific evidence.
- 5: General comment, suggestion, opinion, or position statement.
- 6: Other agency or partner's consultation, review, advice, recommendation(s), etc.
- 7: Already considered in the proposed action or is standard procedure.

Codes 1 – 6 are standard codes. Comments assigned to these codes are considered to be non-significant issues. Code 7 was added as a category for those suggestions that are already proposed or for procedures that are routinely done.

Table 1: Comment Analysis

Commenter	Comment	Disposition
Gary Mcfarlane Friends of the Clearwater	These forests evolved with stand-replacing fire. There is nothing unnatural or even problematic about allowing natural regeneration.	5
	Justifying replanting white pine based upon resistance to disease is odd since it is susceptible to blister rust.	5
	If you choose to replant, we suggest you use local stock.	5
Brad Smith, Idaho Conservation League	The environmental analysis for this project should provide information about any future stand tending activities that may be required as a result of stocking these sites.	7
	A complete cumulative effects analysis will describe the approximate timing of any future entries and the target stand densities.	5, 7
Bernie Hermann Lewis-Clark ATV Club Inc.	Supports the Project	Thank you for your comment.